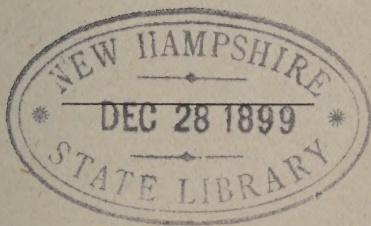


REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.



BRISTOL, N. H. :
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1883.

Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen credit the Town for the year ending March 1, 1883, as follows:—

By tax list of 1882,	\$11,419.17
Interest on the above,	16.72
Amount received of County of Grafton for sup- port of paupers,	207.78
Cash borrowed of Abner Fowler,	400.00
Cash, Cardigan Lodge, I. O. O. F.,	100.00
Cash, Mary J. Chase,	500.00
Railroad tax, 1882,	226.82
Savings Bank tax, 1882,	1,375.23
Literary Fund,	117.30
Cash in treasury, 1882,	1,154.73
Bounty on crows for 1881-2, from State,	16.00
Town of New Hampton,	83.45
“ Hill,	44.45
R. M. Mason, for cedar posts,	3.00
License for show,	3.00
J. W. Wells', rent on town hall,	15.79
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	\$15,683.44

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax,	\$1,292.00
County tax,	1,993.82
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	\$3,285.82

School Money.

Dist. No. 1, Paid Nellie Patten,	\$38.75
“ 2, “ J. M. Bishop,	1,275.90
“ 3, “ John Colby,	44.00
“ 4, “ H. N. Emmons, 1881,	23.90
“ 4, “ “ 1882,	23.00
“ 6, “ S. K. Worthen,	47.88
“ 8, “ Ahira Barney,	96.67
“ 9, “ N. T. Chase,	46.81
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	\$1,596.91

School House Tax, District No 2.

Paid J. M. Bishop, Treas.,	\$1,050.00
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Precinct Tax For 1882.

Paid C. N. Merrill, Fire Ward,	\$500.00
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County Paupers.**BETSEY LADD.**

April 29, Paid G. L. Tilton, for board,	\$9.00
May 27, “ “ “	4.00
Aug. 26, “ “ “	13.00
Nov. 25, “ “ “	13.00
Feb. 20, “ “ “	13.00
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	\$52.00

RUFUS HAMMOND.

April 15, Paid G. L. Tilton, for wood,	\$5.00
“ 29, “ Seavey & Co., goods delivered,	3.75
Aug. 26, “ B. G. Durgin, for burying,	3.00
Nov. 11, “ J. W. Preston, for medicine,	4.00
“ 11, “ Fowler & Calley, med. attendance,	21.00
“ 25, “ G. L. Tilton, wood,	2.00
“ 25, “ Cyrus Taylor, for goods delivered,	31.16
Feb. 14, “ Zerah Tilton, milk bill,	2.00
“ 14, “ Geo. A. Robie, coffin and robe,	12.00
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	\$83.91

FRANK WILLARD.

May 6,	Paid Geo. Alden, for board,	\$13.00
Nov. 11,	" J. W. Preston, medicine,	1.45
" 11,	" Fowler & Calley, med. attendance,	13.50
"	" O. K. Bucklin, board,	1.00
		—————\$28.95

FRANK WILLARD'S BOY.

Nov. 11,	Paid C. H. Dickinson, for clothing,	\$6.85
" 11,	" J. W. Preston, for school books,	.45
" 25,	" R. B. Rollins, for board, 30 weeks,	15.00
" 25,	" " " cloth and books,	1.00
Feb. 16,	" C. Taylor, shirting and thread,	.85
" 16,	" C. H. Dickinson, for clothing and boots,	5.50
" 17,	" R. B. Rollins, board 7 weeks,	3.50
		—————\$33.15

WILLIE DYSERT.

Feb. 27,	Paid Abby E. Page, for board and nursing,	\$20.00
"	" Fowler & Calley, medical attendance,	15.75
		—————\$35.75

MRS. PETTEE GALE.

Paid S. F. Sanborn, for board and nursing 13 weeks, to Mar. 1, 1883,	\$6.64
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Total for paupers,	\$240.40
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Highways and Bridges.

G. L. TILTON'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,		\$498.99
April 15,	G. L. Tilton and help employed,	5.00
June 24,	" " "	60.00
Aug. 26,	" " "	75.00
Sept. 30,	" " "	106.55

Oct. 28, G. L. Tilton and help employed,	\$56.25	
Nov. 25, " " "	44.00	
Jan. 27, " " "	75.98	
Feb. 20, " " "	.79	
	<hr/>	\$922.56

M. F. WILBUR'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$329.79	
May 27, breaking roads,	13.95	
Aug. 18, James Davis, labor on highway,	6.88	
" 18, M. F. Wilbur and help employed,	30.00	
Oct. 28, " " "	107.32	
Sept. 20, G. L. Tilton, drawing plank,	1.35	
Feb. 19, M. F. Wilbur, labor and help employed,	62.16	
	<hr/>	\$551.45

R. S. HASTINGS' DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$164.16	
Nov. 25, R. S. Hastings and help employed,	24.20	
Feb. 17, " " "	17.95	
" 20, G. L. Tilton, for breaking roads,	3.50	
	<hr/>	\$209.81

BENJ. GRAY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$16.14	
Apr. 29, H. C. Homan, breaking roads,	3.90	
Jan. 23, Benj. Gray, labor on highway,	11.78	
	<hr/>	\$31.82

CALEB L. CLAY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$44.87	
April 29, Otis Damon, breaking roads,	3.57	
Feb. 27, C. L. Clay and help employed,	10.06	
	<hr/>	\$58.50

C. N. DRAKE'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$63.16	
Apr. 29, S. S. Fellows, breaking roads,	22.87	
June 24, C. N. Drake and help employed,	10.00	
Oct. 28, " " "	22.25	

Nov. 25, C. N. Drake, planking bridge, labor,	\$15.63
Dec. 30, S. H. Rollins, cutting out drifts,	4.12
Thomas Wicom, " "	4.55
Feb. 23, S. H. Rollins, " "	8.50
" D. H. Sleeper, breaking roads,	4.25
" C. N. Drake, " "	2.25
Feb. 27, S. S. Brown, " "	4.01
" Almon Hastings, " "	7.35
" J. M. Sleeper, " "	3.00
" G. L. Tilton, " "	3.50
	<hr/> \$175.44

ALBERT BLAKE'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$179.17
May 27, M. F. Wilbur, breaking roads,	2.40
Sept. 30, A Blake and help employed,	97.24
Nov. 25, " " "	80.00
Dec. 19, " " "	10.50
Jan. 27, " " "	21.60
" Abner Fowler, labor,	1.00
Feb. 20, G. L. Tilton, breaking roads,	7.15
" J. W. Sanborn, "	3.12
	<hr/> \$402.18

J. M. R. EMMONS' DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$49.68
Feb. 17, J. M. R. Emmons and help employed,	11.83
" 10, G. L. Tilton, drawing lumber,	2.00
	<hr/> \$63.51

J. M. SLEEPER'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$41.23
April 29, J. O. Tilton, for breaking roads,	12.80
Feb. 20, J. M. Sleeper and help employed,	9.93
	<hr/> \$63.96

N. T. CHASE'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$21.56
April 29, C. A. Gale, breaking roads,	9.22

May 27, N. T. Chase, breaking roads,	\$.87	
Not reported in 1881,	1.75	
Feb. 17, C. A. Gale, labor and breaking roads,	7.28	
“ 20, Almon Hastings, breaking roads,	2.88	
N. T. Chase, labor on highway,	.99	
	<hr/>	\$44.55

D. Y. EMMONS' DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$21.73	
Feb. 16, D. Y. Emmons and help employed,	11.88	
	<hr/>	\$33.61

B. F. SANBORN'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$30.19	
June 24, B. F. Sanborn and help employed,	8.00	
July 29, Orren J. Mussey, breaking roads,	4.10	
Feb. 17, B. F. Sanborn and help employed,	13.37	
	<hr/>	\$55.66

SAMUEL MUSSEY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$16.83	
May 27, Otis Sanborn, breaking roads,	2.00	
Feb. 16, S. Mussey and help employed,	14.74	
	<hr/>	\$33.57

A. J. FERRIN'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$12.15	
May 27, A. J. Ferrin and help employed,		
breaking roads,	7.48	
Feb. 27, A. J. Ferrin, breaking roads,	4.80	
	<hr/>	\$24.43

MARSHALL BALLOU'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$60.52	
Nov. 25, Marshall Ballou, labor on highway,	3.56	
“ Elijah Sanborn “	2.00	
Feb. 20, G. L. Tilton, breaking roads,	3.75	
	<hr/>	\$69.83

S. W. SWETT'S DISTRICTS.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$30.71
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May 27, S. W. Swett, breaking roads,	\$3 00	
June 24, " cutting out drifts,	4.24	
Sept. 30, A. J. Ferrin, labor on highway, and help employed,	25.10	
Feb. 15, Jane Moore,	5.00	
" 16, S. K. Worthen, breaking roads,	3.80	
" G. L. Tilton, drawing lumber,	1.75	
" S. W. Swett, breaking roads,	4.55	
A. J. Ferrin, "	13.71	
	<hr/>	\$91.86

SOLON DOLLOFF'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$86.36	
Nov. 25, Solon Dolloff and help employed,	6.25	
Feb. 13, T. H. Daniels, labor,	5.00	
" 16, Solon Dolloff and help employed,	7.00	
	<hr/>	\$104.61

A. C. GORDON'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$36.43	
Feb. 16, S. K. Worthen, breaking road,	5.01	
" 17, J. W. Burleigh, "	11.59	
	<hr/>	\$53.03

THOMAS WICOM'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$8.21	
Feb. 16, breaking roads,	4.87	
	<hr/>	\$13.08

S. S. BROWN, POND ROAD.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$44.50	
Feb. 27, H. D. Cheney, cutting out snow,	1.32	
S. S. Brown help employed, breaking roads and lumber,	26.56	
	<hr/>	\$72.38

C. S. FLANDER'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$49.10	
Feb. 19, Gilman Sanborn, breaking roads,	3.04	

Feb. 20, C. S. Flanders and help employed,	\$7.79	
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Total,	\$3,135.77	
Discount on highway as per vote of town,	\$61.16	

Miscellaneous Highways and Bridges.

March 1, Elbridge Tilton, labor and plank for last year,	\$11.10
April 22, M. A. Wells, 10 M. shingles,	20.00
“ 29, E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge and chimneys for March,	4.70
E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge for April,	4.17
May 27, E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge for May,	3.00
“ Ed Ferrin, breaking roads,	5.00
June 24, E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge for June,	3.00
“ J. T. Sanborn, cedar posts,	76.00
“ J. W. Saunders, lumber,	185.51
July 29, C. M. Lufkin, plow for town use,	14.00
“ E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge, July,	3.00
“ Elijah Sanborn, lumber,	23.00
“ Marshall Ballou, labor on Merrill bridge,	40.81
“ Geo. Robie, bolts for Merrill bridge,	4.19
“ Jacob Cass, shingling bridge district No. 9,	12.51
“ G. L. Tilton, drawing lumber,	39.82
Aug. 26, E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge Aug.,	3.00
“ Wm. Folsom, 40 M. shingle,	100.00
Sept. 30, Marshall Ballou and help employed on Grey bridge,	8.13
“ Henry W. Clapp & Co., sewer caps,	38.25
“ E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge Sept.	3.00
“ John R. Connor, N. R. R. freight bill on brick, &c.,	11.65

Sept. 30,	John E. Blines, brick,	\$15.00
Oct. 28,	E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge	Oct. 3.00
"	Gust Walker, sewer pipe,	204.11
"	C. A. Pearson, blacksmith bill,	12.69
"	Orrin Nelson, water tub,	3.00
"	C. A. Smith, blacksmith bill,	8.08
"	J. W. Saunders, lumber,	97.94
Nov. 11,	A. K. Peaslee, water tub to Mar. 1, '83,	3.00
" 25,	J. W. Saunders, lumber,	39.78
"	C. P. George, shingling central bridge,	50.00
"	Elijah Sanborn, lumber,	8.00
"	G. L. Tilton, drawing lumber,	25.37
"	" " freight bill,	.95
"	Cyrus Taylor, mdse.,	52.65
"	J. A. Haynes, blacksmith bill,	6.40
"	W. W. Wilbur, drawing lumber to Grey bridge,	4.50
"	J. R. Connor, N. R. R. freight sewer pipe,	12.67
Dec. 30,	E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge,	2.21
"	Wm. H. Folsom, lumber,	15.84
"	Chas. Boardman, nails,	4.00
"	A. J. Ferrin, labor and help employed on ten mile brook bridge,	54.60
"	Seavey & Co., powder and fuse,	3.08
"	B. S. Wells, water tubs,	14.00
"	" " lumber and labor,	7.22
"	O. K. Bucklin, water tub to March 1, 1883,	2.00
"	E. D. Crosby & Co., lumber,	104.00
Jan. 27,	S. H. Tilton, water tub to Mar. 1, '83,	3.00
Feb 14,	Mason, Perkins & Co., cement,	7.14
15,	Cyrus Taylor, mdse,	7.38
"	O. J. Mussey, water tub two years to March, 1883,	4.00
"	E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge to March 1, 1883,	9.79

Feb. 15,	R. S. Hastings, labor and help employed on water tub,	\$19.52
“	Elbridge Tilton, labor and plank,	17.50
“	“ “ “ timber delivered to G. L. Tilton,	3.75
		—————\$1,440.01

Miscellaneous Bills.

March 15,	R. W. Musgrove, printing reports 1882,	\$38.00
April 11,	G. H. Silsby & Son, highway collector's book,	3.80
"	C. N. Merrill, police officer to April, 1882,	15.00
22,	Fowler & Calley, record births and deaths,	8.25
May 29,	John H. Fogg, damage to goods on highway in S. W. Swett's district,	12.00
"	I. S. Chase, record births and deaths,	1.50
"	J. M. Bishop, " "	1.75
June 1,	M. O. Edgerly, appropriation for Decoration Day, per vote of town,	38.22
" 7,	Lyman Hall, over-tax '81, being over 70,	2.17
" 17,	G. H. Silsby & Son, order and receipt book,	1.50
July 29,	W. J. Randolph, care of town hall,	2.50
"	R. W. Musgrove, printing,	8.25
Aug. 18,	Howard Watch & Clock Co., town clock,	460.00
" 26,	F. W. Simonds, painting clock dials,	6.64
" " " " "	" on bridge,	1.33
Sept. 30,	Emily J. Barr, damage, falling off side walk,	25.00
"	A. J. Ferrin, stationery,	.45
"	Stephen Huse, whitewashing town hall,	20.52
Oct. 28,	R. W. Musgrove, printing check-lists and for record books,	19.20
Nov. 25,	J. W. Wells, police services, April 1, 1882,	15.00
"	F. W. Simonds, setting glass in town hall,	1.50
"	R. S. Danforth, auditor for 1881,	4.00
"	" " paid the three societies ministerial fund and money paid out,	8.17
"	Cyrus Taylor, mdse. for town clock,	.73
"	R. S. Hastings, labor on " "	29.00
"	Dr. Pike, attending R. Hammond's funeral,	2.00

Nov. 25,	C. Boardman, alabastine for town hall,	\$2 75
"	J. W. Moore, damage to stage,	25.00
Dec. 31,	O. K. Bucklin, horse hire,	2.50
Feb. 13,	Cardigan Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 38, money borrowed and interest,	102.08
"	J. H. Brown, services in Sprague case,	14.10
"	Mary J. Chase, money borrowed and interest,	510.41
"	G. H. Silsby & Son, order and receipt books,	2.75
14,	J. B. Sanborn, General Statutes and Pamphlet Laws,	6.20
"	Abner Fowler, money borrowed and interest,	416.67
15,	L. W. Hammond, mdse,	2.02
"	F. W. Bingham, mdse. for town hall,	2.67
"	Cyrus Taylor, ministerial fund for Cong. So.,	2.00
"	W. A. Berry, " M. E. "	2.00
"	N. T. Chase, " F.W.B. "	2.00
"	Ed. Kendall, care of town clock,	6.00
"	C. H. Dickinson, wood for office,	2 50
"	I. A. Chase, expenses for Board of Health,	1.60
"	Fling & Chase, professional services and retaining fee,	23.00
"	David H. Sleeper, sheep killed by dogs,	4.00
"	R. W. Musgrove, printing,	3.00
"	Elbridge Tilton, sheep killed by dogs,	1.50
"	J. W. Wells, police officer to March 1, 1883,	15.00
"	Geo. Miller, " "	15.00
"	John R. Connor, " "	15.00
"	Ira A. Chase, board of health officer,	5 00
"	B. Q. Fellows, " "	5.00
"	Selectmen's incidental expenses, stationery, horse hire and money paid out,	47.97
"	G. G. Brown, horse hire 1881,	.50
"	James Keeble, damage in S. W. Swett's dis.	4.00
"	R. S. Hastings, care of town clock,	7.00
"	A. J. Ferrin, money paid and expenses,	8.00
"	H. A. Randolph, over tax,	2.21
"	R. S. Hastings, bounty on crows,	8.70

Feb. 15, A. J. Ferrin, bounty on crows,	\$3.80
“ S. S. Brown, “ “	3.10
“ E. Follansbee, fish warden,	5.00
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	\$2,006.51

Lighting Street Lamps.

W. W. Wilbur, lighting street lamps,	\$36.33
M. S. Cheney, “ “	4.00
H. W. Kendall, “ “	14.10
Geo. Locke, “ “	23.75
J. H. Keyes, “ “	6.70
Jacob Cass, “ “	16.72
G. G. Brown, “ “	6.67
Albro Wells, “ “	6.70
Geo. C. Currier, “ “	6.70
E. M. Eastman, “ “	6.65
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	\$128.36

New Street Lamps.

Cyrus Taylor, 12 street lamps,	\$72.00
F. W. Simonds, painting lamp posts,	4.00
Taylor & Gordon, turning lamp posts,	9.00
C. Taylor, lamp chimney and burner,	5.81
Erank Fogg, setting lamp posts,	3.25
W. W. Wilbur, drawing lamp posts,	.35
F. W. Bingham, chimneys and wicks,	4.15
Cyrus Taylor, wicks and oil,	3.54
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	\$102.10
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	\$230.42

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid H. A. Randolph, services as Supervisor	
for spring of '81-2 elections,	\$10.00
R. S. Hastings, Supervisor spring of 1882,	5.00
H. A. Randolph, “ fall “	5.00
Fred Bartlett, Supervisor, spring & fall, '82,	10.00
Ira A. Chase, “ “	5.00
R. W. Musgrove, Town Clerk,	40.00

Paid Wm. George, Treasurer,	\$25.00	
S. S. Brown, Selectman,	132.00	
R. S. Hastings, “	116.00	
A. J. Ferrin, “	90.00	
Milo Fellows, Collector,	150.00	
Geo. H. Calley, S. S. Committee,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$623.00
Paid Interest on bonds,		\$356.00

Due on Bonds March 1, 1883.

Belinda B. Cass,	\$1,800.00	
David Mason,	1,400.00	
Amanda Stearns,	500.00	
S. K. Mason's heirs,	300.00	
R. S. Danforth,	800.00	
N. W. Cass,	500.00	
A. J. Smith's heirs,	1,000.00	
Abbie S. White,	1,000.00	
C. N. Merrill,	200.00	
Mary C. Mudgett,	400.00	
Ezekiel Follansbee,	400 00	
Sarah Cheney,	200.00	
Wm. G. Kelley,	200.00	
Daniel Kelley,	200.00	
Interest on bonds to March 1, 1883,	326.33	
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Abatements.

Nickolas Adams, left town,	\$1.73
E. S. Anable, “	2.21
Noah Adams, “	2.21
Cyrus Bennett, sickness,	4.40
R. L. Beede,	3.21
Harry Cavis, tax in Concord,	2.21
Ervin Clifford, tax in Hill,	2.21
P. S. Drake, died,	2.21
Frank Dimond, no road,	1.00
M. J. Silver, “	.50
Fred Quimby, “	2.36
Tim Hammond,	\$2.21

Charles Hammond,	2.21
Solomon French, died.	.50
F. H. Junkins, left town,	2.21
C. R. Kelley, tax in Franklin,	2.21
N. H. Chemical Pulp Co., over tax,	11.00
Arthur Taylor, tax in Danbury,	1.71
Sherburne Wells' heirs, poverty,	5.50
James M. Danforth. poverty,	1.40
Nathaniel Dow, left town,	1.82
John Herron, "	1.43
D. G. Hight, on account of fire,	5.00
C. N. Drake, 1 dog,	1.00
M. G. Chandler, over tax,	1.00
Jacob Ferrin, "	1.82
George Alden, "	1.00
Ariel Dickinson, disability for work,	3.31
John Taylor, poverty,	2.21
D. S. Hutchinson, left town,	2.21
Over tax 2 dogs,	2.00
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	\$76.00

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received,	\$15,683.44
State tax,	\$1,292.00
County tax,	1,993.82
School money.	1,596.91
School house tax,	1,050.
Precinct tax,	500.00
County paupers,	240.40
Highways and bridges,	3,135.77
Discount on highway tax as per vote,	61.16
Miscellaneous highway and bridges,	1,440.01
" bills,	2,006.51
Street lamp,	230.42
Town officers',	623.00
Paid interest on bonds,	356.00
Abatements,	76.00
In hands of Treasurer,	1,081.44
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	\$15,683.44

Amount the Town Owes.

Bonds and interest to March 1, 1883,	\$9.226.33	
School district, No. 7, for 1881-2	29.62	
	<hr/>	\$9.255.95

Due the Town.

In hands of Treasurer,	\$1,081.44	
Due from County,	64.39	
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Actual debt,		\$8,110.12
Increase of Debt,	\$63.14	

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. BROWN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
R. S. HASTINGS,	
A. J. FERRIN,	

of
Bristol.

Auditors' Report.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

Bristol, March 5th, 1883.

BENJ. F. PERKINS,	} Auditors.
B. M. AMES,	

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FOR THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

To the Selectmen of Bristol :

*Gentlemen :—*Your Supt. School Committee for the past year has the honor of submitting the following report, as to the present condition of your district schools, the advancement made during the school year just completed, and a few suggestions as to certain changes in the districts throughout the town, which he thinks will furnish better accommodations to school children and afford them better facilities for the acquirement of an education :—

The past year has witnessed the usual successful operation of the districts schools, and, although they are not yet advanced to a condition that is most desirable, there has obviously been, in many respects, very perceptible improvement. They have had, without exception, old, experienced instructors, who knew their duties and earnestly endeavored to fulfill them; consequently the progress made has been good. In some a want of good government was noticeable. We believe no student can apply himself to hard thinking and study amidst the confusion incident to bad order and lack of discipline which make the school room unpleasant and the school nearly useless; and teachers, on entering the school room in the morning, should take as a motto, "Order first, lessons afterwards," and not forget it during the whole day. The Prudential Committees should carefully select teachers with reference to the school to be taught. Our schools are so different that a teacher may succeed in one and meet disaster in another. An applicant will rarely fail to pass any examination required, but the Supt. School Committee will know very little of their governing capacity, or ability to maintain order, without which the best educated and most book learned make signal failures.

The number of school children in the districts throughout the town are rapidly decreasing. In 1852 we find 157 pupils; in 1872, 101 attending school during the year; to-day only 59, a falling off since 1852 of nearly two-thirds, and for the past ten years almost one-half. In District No. 7 there has been no school for the past two years, and no children to attend, and during this time the school money has lain in the town treasury with no legal way for its disposal. In Districts Nos. 4 and 9, for six and eight weeks respectively, a school was taught with only *two* pupils to attend it. A fall term in No. 9, of 10 weeks, had only three scholars, one being imported from Alexandria. Of the nine terms taught in the different districts during the year the registers show not over 10 scholars in six of them. Thus you see your school children are decreasing while the amount of school money to expend is more than \$40 in excess of what it was in 1852. The length of the school terms vary from nothing in nearly one-fourth of the districts to 23 weeks in others. We should have not less than 30 weeks in each and every district in town. In order to obtain this amount of schooling we shall be compelled to appropriate a sufficient sum for this specific purpose, or make such changes in the school districts as will put in use the money raised by law which in part now remains unexpended. A majority of the school buildings are half a century old and have not been properly repaired in the memory of man. They are fast going to decay. The plastering is knocked off by time and hard usage. The seats are hacked, cracked, broken and demolished by the hands of mischievous childhood. Their exterior is not attractive, and they present in the aggregate a general debilitated condition—poor, cold, mutilated, altogether inconvenient and unsuited to the purpose for which they were designed; and, considering your locality, influence and wealth, this age of enterprise and progress, I submit whether they are not highly discreditable to those who are immediately responsible.

It is true in years gone by we needed all our schoolhouses to accommodate our small legion of scholars, but it is as equally apparent that at the present time one building, and not a very large one, would be sufficient for the 59 pupils we have to attend school; and it will not be long before something must be done to collect them into a more compact form. My impression is that a breaking up of the present district lines and making five or six districts where we now have nine is the best possible thing to be done. The only valid objection to this plan is that pupils will be compelled to walk a mile or two further each day to attend school; but would not double the amount of schooling each year in a pleasantly located school building be far preferable to a small school devoid of interest and companionship? Would not your children obtain more and better knowledge for their extra exertion, and would you not feel that the school money was bet-

ter expended and more had been accomplished with it?

In four or five districts extensive repairs will have to be made on the the school buildings within a very short time, and the change in the district lines, necessitated by a falling off in pupils, had best be completed before they are made. An amount of money that will be required to make the necessary repairs in them will be nearly sufficient to erect those required by the change.

In concluding my report I would recall your minds to the above stated facts; that your school children have rapidly decreased; that your school buildings must shortly be repaired; that your school money has increased from year to year; that a part of it has lain in the town treasury for the past two years from a lack of pupils to attend a term of school, and that, in my opinion, a redistricting of the town can now be accomplished with a smaller outlay of money and less discomfort than at any time in the past; and I believe the enterprising people in this town will, each and every one, use their best influence to make all the school houses pleasant, healthy, comfortable buildings; and the attainment of useful knowledge, a delightful occupation to the three score children who attend our district schools.

The report for Union District, No. 2, is herewith submitted.

GEO. H. CALLEY.

UNION DISTRICT, NO. 2,—GRADED SCHOOL.

This district has had three successful terms of school the past year in each of the several departments—a spring term of ten, a fall term of twelve, and a winter term of eight weeks, respectively. Very few changes have been made in regard to text books during the year. Only one change was made with teachers, and that occurred in the Primary department at the commencement of the school year. It was thought best to employ the former teachers for the other grades, believing it better to retain tried teachers, if reasonably satisfactory, than to experiment with new ones. It has been the aim of the Board to so raise the grade of our schools that such opportunities may be afforded, and such instructions given in the higher department, as to induce the more advanced scholars to remain longer in our school, instead of so soon going away to others. We think this is desired by the parents, and we also believe that it would be as *well* if not better for our scholars. The Board flatters themselves that they in a measure have succeeded in accomplishing this desired object.

The status of the school, we believe, is better now than it has been for several years; still we do not think it yet a model school. It needs much care, planning and interest manifested on the part of its supervisors, and sufficient money that the regular amount of schooling may be had yearly, to place it on such a basis and to enable it to impart such instruction as is desirable.

The several classes in the various branches in all the rooms have done well. Those that studied the higher branches, viz., Algebra, Astronomy, Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, Natural History, Physical Geography, Physiology, Botany and Latin, showed a commendable degree of interest in their studies and passed a very satisfactory examination. We think it not boasting if we say our school is composed of an orderly and intelligent class of scholars. All the teachers have discharged their duties, we believe, conscientiously, faithfully and well. They merit and have our confidence and support.

For statistics see table on 23 page.

LEWIS W. FLING,	} <i>Board of Education.</i>
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Bristol, Mar. 1883.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1.—1st Term—Fred Patten.

DISTRICT No. 3.—1st Term—Augusta Nelson.

DISTRICT No. 4.—1st Term—Irving W. Bartlett.

DISTRICT No. 6.—1st Term—Benj. F. Stone.

DISTRICT No. 8.—1st Term—Walter Ferrin, Frank Houghton, Edna Houghton, Lizzie Ferrin. 2d term—Leon Varney, Henry Varney, Alice Varney. 3d term—Frank Houghton, Edna Houghton, Walter Ferrin, Lizzie Ferrin, Henry Williams.

DISTRICT No. 9.—1st Term—Arthur T. Chase.

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2.

PRIMARY.

1st Term.—Elbridge Beckford, Arthur Robie, Bertie Follansbee, Bertha Cheney, Anna Cheney, Daisy Dearborn, Mabel Robie, Emma Seavey.

2d Term.—Allie J. Connor, Eddie Littlefield, Bertie Follansbee, Carrie Musgrove, Ulesses Buxton, Fred Buxton.

3d Term.—Allie Connor, Alonzo Sanborn.

INTERMEDIATE.

1st Term.—Arthur Brown, Lawrence Cavis, Albert Dickinson, Willie Dimond, John Kidder, Frank Musgrove, Ara Martin, Charles Rice, Grace Cheney, Blanche Ballou, Dora Dickinson, Isa Musgrove, Josie Preston.

2d Term.—Charlie Rice, Dora Dickinson, Ella Kidder, Lela Pray, Della Blackstone, Blanche Ballou, Nina Favor, Susie Shaw, Lawrence Cavis, John Kidder, Ara Martin, Louie Robie.

3d Term.—Charlie Rice, Maurice Quimby, Bertha Pray, Dora Dickinson, Grace Prince, Luria Kidder.

GRAMMAR.

1st Term.—Howard Cass, Raymond Cavis, Austin Robie, Karl White, Susie Clay, Flora Cass, Alice Dickinson, Ada Locke, Della Tilton.

2d Term.—Arthur Brown, Elbert Dickinson, Willie Dimond, Fred Whitcomb, Grace Cheney, Lillian Dickinson, Flora Heath, Josie Preston, Annie Rice.

3d Term.—Willie Bryson, Amos Blake, Bert Dickinson, Bert Quimby, Allie Sanborn, Grace Cheney, Lillian Dickinson, Flora Heath, Josie Preston, Annie Rice, Eva Tilton.

HIGH.

1st Term.—Winnie Heath, Karl Cavis, Bert Cavis, Frank Day, Willie Heath, Ellis Kirk, Elgin Wells, Will White.

2d Term.—Winnie Heath, Karl Cavis, Willie Heath, Ellis Kirk, Willie Heath, Elgin Wells, Charlie George.

3d Term.—Charlie George.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

NAME OF TEACHER.		TERM.	No. of District.																				
			No. Weeks of School.	Whole No. of Scholars.	No. in Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Physical Geography.	Physiolgy.	Astronomy.	Children over 5 years who have attended 2 weeks or more.	No. visits by parents and friends.	Wages of Teacher per month.	Female.	Male.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
1	Nellie M. Patten	Summer	9	11	11	11	7	6	1	1	11	12	\$17½	2	5	Mrs. Manson Patten John H. Colby. H. N. Eimmons. S. K. Worthen. A. Barney. " " " " N. T. Chase. " " " "
2	Ella Thompson	Fall	15	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	10	4	20	3	3	
3	Jennie S. Eimmons	"	6	2	4	4	1	1	1	2	3	16	1	3	
4	Lilla Nelson	"	10	4	4	4	4	9	4	4	4	6	20	4	7	
5	Nellie E. Hunkins	Spring	10	15	13	15	9	9	6	1	10	17	12	3	7	
6	"	Fall	7	13	13	13	13	13	6	1	7	4	12	3	7	
7	"	Winter	6	8	9	9	9	8	2	6	...	10	3	2	
8	Adelle A. Emery	Spring	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	12	3	2	
9	"	all	10	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	4	10	3	3	
Union																							
Pri-	Kate L. Robie	Summer	10	67	67	67	50	33	25	67	21	23	BOARD		
mary.	"	Fall	12	53	53	53	29	35	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	16	28
Inter-	"	Winter	8	40	40	40	20	22	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	11	28
mediate.	Kate F. George	Summer	10	30	30	30	30	30	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	22	30
ate.	"	Fall	12	35	35	35	35	35	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	22	30
Gram-	"	Winter	8	35	35	35	35	35	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	10	30
mar.	E. Belle Calley	Summer	10	29	29	29	29	29	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	17	34
Hi h.	"	Fall	12	32	32	32	32	32	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	22	34
	Lizzie M. Hale	Winter	8	31	31	31	31	31	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	13	34
	"	Summer	10	30	30	30	31	20	13	30	12	48			
	"	Fall	12	36	36	36	17	27	5	36	33	48			
	"	Winter	8	31	31	31	18	18	31	16	48			

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